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The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

An Italian magistrate recently indicted, among others, three Bulgarian officials in connection with the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II. Magistrate Ilario Martella was quoted as saying that, "we can be certain that there was a plot to kill the Pope."

To date, U.S. government analysis and commentary on this case has been low-key and noncommital. Indeed, former National Security Adviser Brezezinski has referred to "senior officials in...[a] campaign of pooh-poohing what turns out to be a very serious plot."

Clearly, now would be an appropriate time for the various relevant agencies to review the Italian indictment, to compare what is found therein with commentary and analysis offered previously, and to offer a new evaluation of the facts and meaning of the case from a legal as well as broader practical perspective.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence looks forward to the responses of the Intelligence Community to this request.

Sincerely,

Daniel Patrick Moynihan Vice Chairman